

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2022-84-WS ORDER NO. 2022-24-H

MARCH 31, 2022

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

**Sarah Zito; Alvaro Sarmiento, Jr.; Mark Shinn; and Daniel Bermudez,
Complainants/Petitioners v. Strata Audubon, LLC and Strata Veridian, LLC,
Defendants/Respondents**

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Proposed Extension of Time for Defendants/Respondents to file a Responsive Pleading to the Complaint

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

The Defendants/Respondents in this case, Strata Audubon, LLC and Strata Veridian, LLC, request a thirty-day (30 day) extension of time to file a responsive pleading to the Complaint in this matter. The present deadline for filing such a Responsive Pleading is April 4, 2022. With a 30-day extension, a Responsive Pleading would be due on May 4, 2022.

The Defendants/Respondents assert that the Complaint purports to assert twelve separate claims related to complicated utility issues, and additionally, because of scheduling constraints in other matters, the Defendants/Respondents require this additional time to prepare an appropriate response to the Complaint.

This matter would properly be for disposition before the entire Public Service Commission, but the Commission may not properly notice this matter and meet prior to the expiration of the April 4, 2022 deadline. Although, the Defendants/Respondents have made a reasonable request, the full Commission should make the final decision.

Accordingly, the April 4, 2022 deadline for filing a Responsive Pleading to the Complaint in this matter is hereby stayed until such time as the Commission may rule on the matter. The Commission will have the opportunity to issue its final ruling on this request for extension.

This completes the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.